the money in Bonds and Debentures of Public Sector Undertaking and fixed deposit schemes of well established public and private sector companies, so as to earn' more interest.

(c) The report of the Committee is presently under consideration of the Central Board of Trustees, Employees' Provident Fund. The question of taking any action at the Government's level does not, therefore, arise at **trrii** Stage.

Foreign nationals illegally staying! back in the country

726. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY: SHRI K. GOPALAN:

Will **the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS** be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of foreign nationals who have been found absconding as on date aEter the expiry of visa permit and who have not yet returned to their countries of origin;

(b) what is their figures nationality-wise;

(c) what is the State-wise break-up of the vis$_a$ permits issued to them;

(d) what is the estimated strength of foreign nationals illegally staying in the country at present; and

(e) what steps are being iaken t° trace illegal immigrants and foreign nations lis and deport them (back?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AF FAIRS (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) to (d) No statistics in this regard are maintained by the Central Govenunent.

(e) &s and when any foreigner overstuys, his authorised stay in India and is detected living unauthorisedly beyonu[1] the expiry of his valid visa, action under the law is taken by the State "lovernments/Union Territories who have been delegated powers in' this regard.

Seizure of antiques

727. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK:

SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOW-DHURY:

SHRI SHANTI TYAGl:

SHRI RAM CHANDRA VIKAL;

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state;

(a) whether it is a fact that antiques worth more than rupees one crore were seized in the Capital on the 9th February, 1987;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether any arrest has been made in this regard; and

(d) if so, what action is being taken by Government against the persons involved?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE; MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM); (a) to (d) 2 members of a gang of smugglers suspected to be in possession of stolen antiques were arrested at Satna, Madhya Pradesh on 24-1-1987. One more member of the gang was arrested in Delhi on the 25th January, 1987. On the basis of information revealed by the persons arrested, the Central Bureau of Investigation conducted raids in the shops and godowns of some dealers in Jama Masjid area in the .first week of Febniary, 1987. About 185 suspected antiques stolen from historic monuments etc. from various parts of the country and worth crores of rupees in the international market were seized;.